

Migrants (Determination by Tribunals Act, 1983 was reviewed and amendments were made in this Act in consultation with the Government of Assam in 1988. No further amendments are contemplated.

[English]

Prohibition Cases

*243. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the National Crime Records Bureau for the year ending 1991 indicates an increase in prohibition cases in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-Wise and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether any investigation has been made to find out the reasons for this increase; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) The latest available publication of the National Crime Records Bureau pertains to the year 1990. The figures compiled therein indicate a decrease of 16.3 per cent in prohibition cases in 1990 as compared to the previous year,

(b) to (d). In view of above, do not arise.

Oil and Gas Exploration Projects

*244. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the various oil and gas exploration projects in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of such projects under-

taken by foreign companies and whether all of them were successful;

(c) the total amount spent thereon during the said period; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to avoid precious foreign exchange paid to foreign companies for exploration work?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). A statement is attached.

The amount spent on oil and gas exploration by ONGC and OIL during the last 3 years are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
ONGC*	1093.17	868.85	1003.78
OIL	48.99	49.67	75.57

*In the case of ONGC the figures include depreciation cost also.

Under the 3rd round of bidding contracts were signed with foreign oil companies for 9 off-shore blocks. 9 wells were drilled which proved to be dry. The foreign companies spent about US \$ 100 million on this exploration.

Impact of Cyclonic Storm on ONGC Ship

2569. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Badrinath", a drilling ship of ONGC stationed in Bay of Bengal was caught in the cyclonic storm; and